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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul E. Schaffert

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Group Art Unit: 3671

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Title: LIQUID DISTRIBUTION APPARATUS FOR
DISTRIBUTING LIQUID INTO A SEED FURROW

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Second Preliminary Amendment is submitted in response to the Patent Office Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt, Domestic Continuity and Foreign Priority, mailed November 18, 2002, in which the Patent Office objects to claiming priority to provisional patent application 60/195,942, which was filed more than one year before the present application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: Delete and replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9, after Cross-References to Related Applications, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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This application claims priority to and is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/832,740 entitled "Liquid Distribution Apparatus for Distributing Liquid Into a Seed Furrow" filed April 9, 2001, which is a non-provisional application claiming priority to provisional application 60/195,942,